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planted on analcime or calcite. (Fig. 4, 5 and 6). The latter are the most eye-appealing cabinet specimens from this area.

The attractiveness of the specimens from this quarry is enough to lure many crystal collectors. However, anyone who intends to visit this locality should be aware that good specimens are difficult to acquire. The crystallized pockets are small and sporadic in their occurrence. It is not unusual to visit the quarry many times before finding a good crystallized pocket. The climate also works adversely for the collector. As soon as the crystals are exposed after a blast, they are subject to weathering, losing their luster and becoming dull quite rapidly. Even more detrimental is the fact that the heavy rainfall of the coastal area causes silt, soil and clay to be deposited around the tightly packed sprays of natrolite crystals. This material is unsightly and is extremely difficult, if not impossible, to remove even with an ultrasonic cleaner.

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Another possible project, in which all of the members can participate, is to build mineral sets, for both study and display, to be given to local schools and colleges. Field trips, which usually are not too productive of fine cabinet specimens, can supply many pounds of excellent specimens of common minerals for teaching. These can be taken to the meetings, broken into small pieces and pasted or placed in flat boxes appropriately labelled and distributed to schools. Schools can also make good use of any printed material prepared by clubs about nearby mineral localities.

A variation on the practice of inviting a lecturer might be to schedule a field trip, conducted by a geologist, or mineralogist, who can describe features of interest in the field. His talk is automatically illustrated with examples for everyone to see and touch and even attack with a hammer.

These are only a hint of the ways in which new life can be pumped into stagnating mineral clubs. I am sure our readers can add many other ideas. Please remember that I am eager to publish your letters and suggestions. I am looking forward to your willingness to share your ideas and opinions so that we can all do our best to improve our clubs. ■

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ERRATA

The following errors and omissions in Vol. I, no. 3 should be noted:

"Mineral Rings and Cylinders" by R. A. Bideaux

pp. 108-109, Figs. 5 & 6—the boulangerite specimens belong to Neal Yedlin, not William Pinch.

although most SEM photos require that the subjects be gold-coated, the specimens in Figs. 3-9 were not, as they are naturally conductive.

"Some Possible New Minerals Not Yet Found" by Michael Fleischer

(Table of Contents and p. 121) author's name should be spelled Fleischer, not Fleisher.

"Mineral Notes"—Kinoite (p. 125)

second author's name should be spelled Laughon, not Langhon.

"The Record Bookshelf" (p. 129)

the review were written by Joel A. Arem.

"Eakerite—a New Tin Silicate" by Leavens, White and Hey (p. 92)

the photograph of eakerite (p. 93) is by Ben Kinkead, Kingsport, Tennessee.